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1. The existence of a military unit called the 29 Brigade has been reported. The headquarters are at Fier and Lt. Col. Andreu Bassi is in command. The soldiers belonging to this brigade are recruited solely from minority groups living in Albania.

2. Four new battalions have been formed in the Albanian Army from select and reliable soldiers. These battalions are called "Batolijone te Vdekjes" (Death or Shock Battalions). Each one has been attached to an infantry division.

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